

(10) was there any arrangement in 1106 for a ferry service; if so, when did it begin and how long did it continue;

(11) has the bridge over the Alur river (Kaicheri) been completed;

(12) is there a road on the Paranur side when the bridge is completed; if not, will the Government be pleased to take steps to order the opening of a road by the time the bridge is completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) The matter was enquired into by the Panchayat and the Public Works Departments and the Government ordered that the work should be attended to by the latter department. But owing to want of funds the work could not be provided for in the 1107 budget.

(4) Yes.

(5) For payment of the land acquisition charges. Balance, if any, will be utilised for the road work.

(6) No.

(7) No culvert was constructed; but an aqueduct was constructed in 1106 and it was damaged by the abnormal floods of that year.

(8) The cost of the whole work including land acquisition, channels and the aqueduct was Rs. 2,175. The damage to the aqueduct was repaired at a cost of Rs. 150.

(9) Yes.

(10) Yes. From the beginning of the S. W. monsoon of 1105 till 10th Vrischigam 1106.

(11) No.

(12) No. But steps are being taken to construct a road.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(12) What steps please?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Acquisition of land. I have sent the land plans subsequently for the acquisitions necessary.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Have been forwarded to the Diwan Peishkar?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

English Primary School—Thekkumbhagam.

665. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is a Government English Primary School in Thekkumbhagam, Trippunittura;

(b) what is the distance between this school and the St. Francis' Church School, referred to in question No. 570;

(c) what is the present strength of the English Primary School at Thekkumbhagam;

(d) for how long is that school in existence;

(e) when was the St. Francis' School referred to above, started;

(f) is there any proposal to convert the English School, Thekkumbhagam into a Vernacular School?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Half a mile.

(c) Eighty

(d) More than 23 years.

(e) Started on 1st Makaram 1086.

(f) Yes. It will be considered when passing orders on the Educational Survey.

Elementary Educational Committee.

666. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the Elementary Education Committee appointed by the D. P. No. 139, published at page 750 of the Gazette, dated 25th Dhanu 1107:

(a) what are the educational qualifications of the members except the Chairman;

(b) what are the educational activities in which these members have hitherto figured;

(c) how many of these members are Government servants and how many pensioners; what is the amount of pay or pension drawn by each;

(d) whether the Government tried to get the services of distinguished educationists to serve on this committee;

(e) whether the Chairman had been consulted before his appointment as Chairman;

(f) whether at the time of consultation the Chairman had been informed of the names of the other members of the committee?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) All the five members possess sound scholarship in Malayalam and some of them had been Malayalam and Sanskrit Pandits in schools.

Mr. K. P. Kamppan has passed the Sanskrit and Malayalam Pandits' Examination and holds Upper Secondary department license. Mr. K. Narayana Menon has passed Middle School and the State Malayalam Pandits' Examination. Mr. Sankara Kurup has passed Travancore Higher Examination, State Malayalam Pandits' Examination and Vidwan Examination in first class.

Mr. P. Narayanan Nayar was a teacher in the Nemmara Proverthy Patasala, became the Headmaster of the Aided Girls'